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**NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

This application is abandoned in view of:

- ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 27/MAR/03.
- ☐ A reply (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_, which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection.  
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; or (2) Notice of Appeal).
- ☒ No reply has been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- ☐ The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The submitted issue fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The issue fee has not been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).
- ☐ Proposed new formal drawings (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) were received on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The proposed new formal drawings filed \_\_\_\_\_ are not acceptable.
- ☐ No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
- ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- ☐ The reason(s) below:

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